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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action of October 25, 2005.

In that office action the Examiner entered a species election requirement which required the Applicant to elect among six (6) allegedly distinct species of the invention. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the species election requirement for the reasons set forth below. However, in order to fully respond to the outstanding species election requirement, Applicant enters the following provisional election:

Applicant provisionally elects species I as shown in Figure 1.

As recognized by the Examiner, claims 1-3, 5, 11, and 48 are generic. Applicant believes that claim 17 should also be considered generic. Claims 1-7, 10-11, 14, 17-21, 23-25, 27, 48-49, and 51-52 read on the alleged species of Figure 1.

Remarks

The Examiner has entered a species election requirement, requiring that the Applicants select from among six (6) alleged species. Applicants, however, submit that the alleged species of Figures 1-5 are closely related and should be searched and considered jointly.